(b) if so, the works executed in this regard till July 31, 1997; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the above work?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Lines between Chandil-Tiruldih and Barkakana-Ramgarh has been charged. The work has been taken up on the remaining section. Rs. 20.27 crore have been allotted during 1997-98 for this project.

[English]

Setting up of Hotels

2553. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propsoe to set up railways hotels at different tourist spots in the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of railway hotels at present in the country, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) The proposal is in a conceptual stage.

(c) There are two Railway Hotels at Ranchi and Puri besides three Rail Yatri Niwases at New Delhi, Howrah and Gorakhpur.

[Translation]

Accidents due to fall of people from running Trains

2554. DR. ARVIND SHARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether incidents of accidents have occurred due to fall of the people from the running trains on account of overcrowding in trains in Delhi-Sonipat and Delhi-Rohtak rail section in Haryana during the last three years;

(b) if so, the total number of such accidents occurred so far and the steps taken by the Government to check such accidents;

(c) whether the Government propose to increae the number of compartments so as to provide more space in these trains;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

People killed at Unmanned Railway Crossing

2555. SHRI NIHAL CHAND CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons killed or injured at Unmanned Railway crossings during the year 1996 and upto 30th June, 1997, Zone-wise;

(b) the steps taken to prevent such accidents;

(c) whether it is proposed to construct Railway crossings at 12T.K. (Rai Singh Nagar) of Shri Ganga Nagar and at Dholipal, Nava 34 STG, Bagalawali of Kojuwala and Hanumangarh and at Ramgarh of Nohar; and

(d) if so, the time by which these railway crossing are likely to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Zone-wise break up of casualties at unamanned level crossings during 1996-97 and April to June, 1997 is as under :

Railway	1996-97		April-June 1997	
	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured
1	2	3	4	5
Central	1	6	-	-
Eastern	1	3	-	-
Northern	12	25	11	8
N.E.	49	17	5	4
N.F.	-	-	-	-
Southern	46	20	1	5
S.C.	50	51	7	1
S.E.	3	4	4	1
Western	10	9	-	-
Total	172	135	28	19

(b) The following steps are being taken to prevent level crossing accidents :

(1) Speed breakers/rumble strips have been provided on the approaches to unmanned level crossings so that the road vehicles may reduce their speed.